

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 15-21, 2005



[National Police Week](#) is an appropriate time to pause and consider the unflinching dedication displayed by every law enforcement officer every day.

The federal crime bill enacted into law in 1994 includes the authorization that the U.S. flag be flown at half-staff on May 15, as a tribute to honor American law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty. More than 17,000 law enforcement officers have made this sacrifice in the past 212 years. One such death occurs every 53 hours. The names of 153 men and women whose lives were lost in 2004 are newly engraved on the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.

This is a special time set aside to respect, honor and remember all members of the nationwide law enforcement community, but especially those men and women who have paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of our citizens.

Sadly, in Fauquier County, we pay tribute to two of our own who died in the line of duty.

[Deputy John Henry Walter](#)

July 5, 1972

[Sergeant Charles “Chuck” Murray](#)

July 9, 1990

The Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office has traditionally conducted a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony during National Police Week. Unfortunately, because the area surrounding our memorial is currently subjected to construction, we are unable to affect that program this year. A wreath was laid in memory of Deputy Walter and Sergeant Murray during a service at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy, and this office will participate in the national observance on Sunday, May 15.



We continue to lift our prayers for the families of these fine officers, as we will forever remember their service and honor their lives and deaths. This is a time for reverent reflection as we consider the daily commitment made by every law enforcement officer to protect and serve the citizens and accept their own personal risk.



Inscribed on [the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial](#) are the words, “in valor there is hope.”

**“Blessed are the Peacemakers,
For they shall be called the
Children of God”
Matthew 5:9**

Charlie Ray Fox Jr

Sheriff